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Ms. Donna Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy,

We believe that proposals in the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking)-PR Docket No. 92-235 would cause an undue hardship on the 14 rural volunteer fire department members of our organization. In particular, splitting channels into 5 kHz and 6.25 kHz spacing and reducing transmitter deviation from 5 kHz to 3 kHz would cause an undue hardship. Implementation of these changes leaves small fire/emergency departments with only two alternatives: 1) modify present equipment and significantly reduce range and usefulness or 2) purchase all new equipment (not presently available). For small rural departments, an expenditure of this magnitude would exceed the normal annual budget. Considering the current emphasis to curb government spending and decrease taxes, it seems ludicrous to implement a proposal that would literally mean millions of additional tax dollars. While we recognize the need for addition space for land mobile users, surely a more cost effective means can be found that would not further exacerbate the present overwhelming tax burden.

Respectfully submitted,

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